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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 9797

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ATTACK ON FRENCH TOURISTS

REF: A. ADDIS ABABA 9241 B. NAIROBI 8311 (NOTAL)

1. HUGUES HOMO, COUNSELOR, FRENCH EMBASSY, TOLD US AUG 23 THAT FRENCHMAN MISSING AFTER MOYALE RAID AUG 4, ALAIN GALAUP, HAD BEEN RELEASED BY INSURGENTS. CAPTIVE WAS RELEASED AUG 19 IN GENERAL MOYALE AREA AND WAS THEN INTERROGATED BY EPMG PERSONNEL. FRENCH WERE NOT NOTIFIED OF HIS RELEASE UNTIL AUG 21. GALAUP IS NOW IN ADDIS AND WILL BE RETURNED TO FRANCE SHORTLY. FRENCH ARE KEEPING NEWS OF HIS RELEASE QUIET AND HOPE TO GET HIM BACK TO FRANCE WITHOUT FANFARE.

2. ACCORDING TO HOMO, GALAUP WAS IN GOOD CONDITION. CAPTORS APPARENTLY WERE ETHIOPIANS OF SOMALI ETHNIC STOCK. CAPTIVE WAS RELEASED WHEN TWO "CHIEFS" JOINED BAND. PLACE OR PLACES WHERE MAN WAS HELD CAPTIVE NOT CLEAR, BUT FRENCH TEND TO BELIEVE IT WAS MOSTLY IN MOYALE AREA. FRENCH CONTINUE TO BELIEVE
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THAT FRENCH INVOLVEMENT IN AUG 4 ATTACK WAS ACCIDENTAL. GROUP

HAPPENED TO BE IN MOYALE WHEN RAIDERS STRUCK.

3. COMMENT: VIEW FRENCH DESIRE GET GALAUP OUT OF ETHIOPIA
QUIETLY, ADDRESSES SHOULD HOLD INFO AS CONFIDENTIAL.
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